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Minutes of the proceedings of the Board of War, met at Allington Jan 2d and held by adjournment until the 10th inclusive. (1781)

Tuesday, Jan 2d 1781

Agreeable to an appointment of the Hon'ble the President of this Board of War, for the Hon'ble Board to meet at this place on the 1st Tuesday in January, the same met—

Present

President

Hon'ble John Fassett Jun. Esqr
Samuel Robinson Esqr } *Members*
Benjamin Hoit Esqr

and not being a full Board, adjourned till Tomorrow.

Thos. Tolman Sec'y Pro Tem

Wednesday, Jan'y 3d

Met according to adjournment, when the Hon'ble Jno. Robinson Esqr. President appeared and took the Chair.

But there being not yet a full board, adjourned till Tomorrow

Thos. Tolman, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Thursday, Jan'y 4th.

Met according to adjournment, when Stephen Peark Esq. appeared and took his seat at the Board

The Board proceeded to business by order of the President. Resolved that Thos. Johnson be appointed Secty Pro Tem to this Board & during y^e present sitting of this Board and upon motion made Resolved

Resolved, That the pay for Jonathan Hazzett Esqr late Comm^y of Purchases be £ 13. 10.. 0 P^r. month, he to find his own Horse, and be allowed reasonable expences for himself and Horse, exclusive of his pay

Resolved, That Elisha Clark Esqr. late Commissary of Stores be allowed £ 8 pr month, and 3 rations P^r day — and that Messrs Eli Coggell, Lyman Chase, & Amos Bicknel, late Assistant Commissaries of Issues be allowed each, £ 5.. 8.. 0 pr. month and two rations pr. day. ~~Resolved, That Mr. Gershom Beach, armourer, be allowed while in actual service~~

Resolved, that Capt. Joseph Safford late Barrack master be allowed while in actual service, £ 7 pr month, & 2 rations pr. day. {Resolved, that Mr. Gershom Beach, armourer, be allowed while in actual service £ 7 pr month & 2 ration P^r day

adjourned till 12 o^clock on Wednesday [Monday] next

Thos Johnson Secty Pro Tem

Monday Jan. 8th

Met according to adjournment, when the Honble Joseph Bowker and Samuel Fletcher Esqrs. appeared and took their seats at the Board, — Stephen Pearl Esqr not present

And after deliberating upon sundry matters of Importance, without entering into any Resolves.

adjourned till Tomorrow morning 9 o'clock

Thos Johnson Secty. Pro. Tem.

Tuesday Jan. 9th

Met according to adjournment, when Stephen Peal Esq. appeared and took his seat at the Board

The Board proceeded to consider the State of the frontiers, whereupon

Resolved, that for the defence of the frontiers of this State for the ensuing Campaign there shall be one Regiment of Infantry raised, (to continue in service until the 15th day of Decr. next, unless sooner discharged) which shall consist of one Lt. Col. Comm., 2 majors, 9 Captains, 18 subalterns, 1 Surgeon, 1 Surg.n's mate, 1 Serjt. Majr, 1 Quarter Mastr. serjt, 36 Serjeants, 1 Drum Majr, 1 Fife Majr, 8 Drummers, 8 Fifers & 612 Rank and File —

Resolved, that 1 adjt. and 1 Qr. Mastr be appointed by the Lt. Col Commandant out of the 18 Subalterns, to be allowed each £2 pr month, in addition to their Pay in the Line — —

Resolved. That each company shall consist of 1 Capt. 1 first Lieut. 1 second Lieut, 4 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, 1 fifer, and 68 Rank and File, and that the Drums and fifes Major be annexed to the 1st. Company in the Regiment

Resolved, That the Field, Staff and Commissioned Officers appointed, with their rank ~~and file~~ Pay & Rations shall be as follows, namely.

	Names	Rank	Pay pr. month	Rations pr. Day
Field	Samuel Fletcher	Lt. Col. Comm.d	£ 15	No. 6
	Benjamin Wait	1st. Major	12	5
	Ebnr. Allen	2d. Major	10	4
	Jesse Sawyer	1st. Captain	£ 8	3
	William Hutchins	2d. do	do	do
	Jesse Safford	3d. do	do	do
	Jonas Galusha	4th. do	do	do
	John Powell	5th. do	do	do
	Nathaniel Lovell	6th. do	do	do
	* — — Blakesley	7th. do	do	do
	James Brookins	8th. do	do	do
	Josiah Fisk	9th. do	do	do
Commissioned	Zebulon Lyon	1st. first Lieut	£ 5 " 8 " 0	2
	Gideon Spencer	2d. first do	do	do
	Baniah Green	3d. first do	do	do
	Nathl. Holmes	4th. first do	do	do
	Josiah Wright	5th. first do	do	do
		6th. first do	do	do
	Benjamin Everist	7th. first do.	do	do
	Moses Evans	8th. first do	do	do
	Elias Hall	9th. first do	do	do
		1st. second Lieut.	do	do
	Ebenezer Herrington	2d. second Lieut.	do	do
		3d. second Lieut.	do	do
	Benjamin Stevens	4th. second do	do	do
		5th. second do	do	do

Continued

	Names	Rank	Pay Pr. Month	Rations Pr. Day	
Commissioned	Noah Chittenden	6th second Lieut	do	do	
	David Powers	7th second do	do	do	
	John Boardman	8th second do	do	do	
	William Post	9th second do	do	do	
Staff	Nath[l] Dickinson	Surgeon	£ 10	3	
	John Hazleton	Surgeon's Mate	8	2	

Resolved, That the Lt. Lieut. Commandant and Majr. Benjamin Wait, be directed to nominate such Gentlemen as they shall judge worthy to fill the several places of a 6th first Lieut. a 1st second Lieut. a third second Lt. and a 5th second Lieut. agreeable to the above vacancies, and make returns of the Gentlemen thus chosen, with their several Ranks, to the Captain General, in order that they may be commissioned accordingly —

Resolved, That the pay and Rations of the Officers, commence 14 days before the day of their entering into actual service, and that each Officer be allowed pr. month, for each retained Ration not drawn in Provisions, £1 —

Adjourned 'till Tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

Thos. Tolman Secy Pro Tem.

Wednesday Jan. 10th

Met according to adjournment, and proceeded to business by order of the President — and upon motion made that the Board proceed to the method of raising the Troops to fill the Regiments of Infantry, resolved to be raised yesterday.

Resolved, That the several Militia Regiments within this State, raise

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the following quotas of able bodied and effective men (viz.) Col. Samuel Fletcher's Regt. 752 men, Col. Jonn. Herrick's 112, Col. Ebenezar Woods 99. The 4th Regiment as it stood before the last session of Assembly 111, Col. Ebenezar Allen's 83 and Col. Ira Allen's 111 — Total 668

Resolved, that each town furnish their proportion of men (agreable to the foregoing Resolve) equipt, and ready for the Field by the 10th day of February next, who shall march to the several places of Rendezvous of their respective officers, and be allowed each, Pay 14 days next before the day of marching from their respective Towns.

Resolved, that the pay of the non Commissioned officers and Privates pr. month shall be as follows (viz.)

Serjt. Majr.	£	3 — —
2dr. in Serjt.	£	3
Serjeants each		2 . 8
Drum Majr.		2 . 8
Fife Major		2 . 8
Drummers each		2 . 4
Fifers each		2 . 4
Corporals each		2 . 4
Privates each		2 .

Resolved, that the Equipment of a non Commissioned officer and Soldier (exclusive of his Blankets & Cloathing) shall be as follows (viz)

1 Good Musquet
1 Good Bayonet or Tomahawk
1 Good Knapsack
1 Powder
1 Bullet Pouch
and a sufficient Jumpline (or Sling for Packs

And Whereas this Board consider it impracticable to appoint officers within the Bounds of the several militia Regiments in Exact proportion to the several Quotas of men raised by the same

Resolved. That Col. Fletcher's and Col. Herrick's Regiment of militia compleat as many full companies as their Quotas will admit, and the Remainder, if more than half another full Company to be

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joined by, or if less than half another full Company to join themselves to the Quota of the next adjoining Regiment who shall form Companies, and dispose of their Remainders in like manner, until the nine Companies be equally Completed

Resolved, that this formation of Companies, together with the arrangement of the Officers to Each Company be under the direction of the Lt Col. Commandant, with the advice and consent of the other Gentlemen Officers appointed.

And Whereas it will be necessary, as well to avoid the needless cost of marching ineffective men into the Camp, as to prevent the after Trouble to the Towns who shall in this respect appear deficient

Resolved, that previous to the marching of the men from the several towns, there shall be a review made by such officers of the Regiment as reside in the said Towns respectively, whose duty it shall be to accept more suitable bodied, effective ~~men~~ and well equipt men, and such as in their Judgment are equal to, and capable for the services of a Campaign, and who shall pass in a General Muster of the Regt after their arrival in Camp by the muster master — and in case where towns have no officer appointed within the same to review the men previous to marching as above directed

Resolved, that the Lieut. Col. Commandant and Major Benjamin Wait, be directed to appoint such officer or officers as they shall judge best, to do said duty in such Towns

And whereas it will be necessary that the Regiment of Infantry ordered to be raised be regularly mustered in Camp and enrolled in a muster master's Office.

Resolved, that Thomas Tolman, be, and he is hereby appointed

Muster Master whose duty it shall be to muster said Regiments as often, and in such manner as the Captain General shall direct, and that he be allowed while in such service Six Shillings (6/-) per day & 3 Rations; and that all Returns Beatings from the said Regt. shall be made to the Capt. General, as often, and in such manner & form as he shall from time to time direct—

And Whereas it will be necessary for equally securing the Frontiers of the two Counties that a part of this Regiment be detached.

Resolved that a detachment of three full companies under the Command of Major Benjamin Wait be stationed in the frontiers of the County of Cumberland until further orders from this Board or the Capt. General. and that the Lieut Colonel Commandant, with the advice of Major Wait, shall direct those companies in the Regiment, who shall be thus detached.

Resolved, that the surgeon's mate, Serjt. Major & 2d. Lieut. Serjeant, shall be annexed to do duty in Major Wait's detachment, until further orders.

Resolved, that the Captain General be requested to issue his necessary orders, to put into effectual execution the foregoing Resolutions of this Board

Resolved, that the preceeding Resolutions of this Board for the defence of the frontiers of this State the ensuing campaign, be published three weeks successively in the Vermont Gazette.

Resolved, that in case either of the Majors who now stand appointed, shall not choose to accept, that Major Isaac Clark be appointed to supply such vacancy, and the Capt. General is requested to Commission him accordingly

By order of the Board. Thd. Johnson Clerk Pro. Tem.

Bennington 9th Jan. 1781

Sir.

Capt. Putnam was yesterday with me (supposing that I was yet a member of the Board of War) and has mentioned at the same time the services he has rendered this State in the capacity of D. M. at his appointment to that place was by the authority of the Continent— His services while acting in such capacity, as far as come to my knowledge, were uniform, and such as merited him applause. It has been since suggested that in some degree he has been opposed to the establishment of this State— which has not since been sufficiently proved to me

It is well known that he has suffered in the present war by being drove from his possessions and reduced to the necessity of obtaining a support of himself and family by serving this or some other State in a Public capacity— as he has heretofore served to good acceptance; unless you can be fully satisfied that he has by his conduct forfeited the confidence of the State, I wish in his suffering condition he may have an appointment adequate to his merits

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obt. humble servant
John Jay

Hon. Timothy Bronson

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In Board of War Arlington Feb.y 10th. 1781

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On the Representation of Mr. Joseph Foster of Barnet & others Respecting that frontier

Resolved, That Lieut. Beriah Green raise by Voluntary Inlistment thirty able bodied effective men every way Equipped for war with Snowshoes to march Immediately to continue in service one month unless sooner discharged their pay to be the same as other Troops in this States Service. Their Pay to commence Ten days before they march.

Resolved, That Capt. John Strong a.t. C. P. Procure Sixty five Rifles or other Pcs & Rifles Equivalent for Camp Equi-

page Resolved —

In the Board of War Windsor Feb.y 19th 1781

Resolved, That Capt. Ironsworth Commasary Resolved of Purchases be & he is hereby Requested to furnish all the Troops that are or may be in service at the present in Bethel or that Vicinity in the service of this State

Resolved That Lieut Green be and he is hereby Directed to take a Scout of fifteen men with Ten days provision and proceed in the most Likely Place to make Discovery of the Enemy to the Lake by the way of Onion River unless the Enemy Prevent his proceeding so far & make Return of his Discovery to Major Wait

Resolved That Capt Fransworth C. P be & he is Hereby requested to furnish Eighty Iron pots or kettles suitble for Camp Equipage & Forward the same to Corinth as soon as may be.

Resolved that Capt. Fransworth C. P. Store provisions in the following places (viz) & Proportion (viz) The Largest Store in Tinmouth a small Store in Pollet another in Rutland another in Dorset and one months provisions for the Troops that may be at Pittsford and Castleton.

Resolved, That Capt. Fransworth, C. P. Pay be stated at Thirteen Pounds pr. month he to furnish his own horse & his Expence to be paid when from home he keeping regular accounts of the same.

Resolved, that the C. P & be allowed one Clerk, That his pay be five pounds Eight shillings pr. month and two Rations pr. day.

Resolved, That Capt. John Strong, Asst. C. P. Pay be stated at Nine pounds pr. month he to furnish his own horse & his Expences to be paid when from home he keeping regular accounts of the same

Copy of Directions to Mr. Farnsworth
for Mr. Strong as Issuing Provision

If Capt. Strong for y^e time being Issues Provisions as an Issuing Commissary, — (in order for a proper settlement of accounts in the two Departments of the purchasing and Issuing Commissaries) he must take receipts on the back of provision returns, specifying the Quantity of the Provisions issued, and not specify the Corps or name from whom the provisions are Received (but leave a Blank for y^e purpose) in order that when an Issuing Commissary shall relieve him, the said Issuing Commissary shall rec^t to him for the Quantity of such provision Returns, and the said Issuing Commissary's Rec^t shall be a proper voucher to Capt. Strong in a Settlement of his accts with Jos. Farnsworth Esq^r Com^y Gen^l of Purchases in a proper Channel of a Purchasing Com^y's accounts

By order of y^e Board

Windsor 19^th Feb^y. 1781
In Board of War
To
Jos. Farnsworth Esq^r.
C. Gen^l of P—

In the Board of War Windsor Feb.y 22d 1781

Resolved, That Fort Ticonderoga be the place for Storing Provisions to the Troops for the Winter Campaign in that Quarter.

Resolved, That Windsor, Norwich, Brattleborough and Newbury be the place for Depositing Provisions, that in several other Towns in the Frontiers the provisions collecting in such Towns be stored there until wanted.

Resolved, that the Purchasing Commissary Purchase one Hundred Wooden Boles and thirty Pales suitable for Camp Equipage

Resolved, That the Purchasing Commissary be directed to Purchase thirty Camp axes or the materials to make them with.

Resolved, that in case Capt. Brooking shall when requested refuse to serve the ensuing campaign in a Regt. raising for the defence of this State. that Capt. Abner Salisbury be appointed in his stead. On the refusal of Capt Sawyer. Capt. Stark be appointed. That Capt. David Comstock be appointed in the place of Capt. Yakusha. That Lieut Dyer be appointed in the place of in case Lieut Holmes Refuses That Lieut. Coffin stand in nomination in case a vacancy of a first Lieut. & insign Stello in case of a vacancy of 2d Lieut. That Capt. Abner Seely and Capt. Benjamin be appointed Lieut. Lieutenant Corps. Lieut Church Lieut. Phillipsren that Benjamin Burton be 2d. 2 Lieut. That Mr. Walsh of Rockingham be armerer to Majr. Waits detachment That Majr. Matthews be Storing Commasary

Resolved, That the Commasary of Purchases be requested to furnish fifty pair of Snow shoes for Majr. Waits detachment.

without loss of time.

Resolved, that each man that furnish himself with a good pare of Snow Shoes be paid for the same on their returning them into the States Store

Resolved, that his Excellency be requested to call on Lt. Hetcher and Major Meet to enter service.

Resolved, that the Commissary of Purchases be requested to procure one Hundred Wooden Bole and fifty Pails suitble for Camp Equipage

In Board of War Arlington 8th. March 1781

Sir

I am directed to request you to give your answer whether you accept of your appointment as Captn. in the Regt. of Rangers or. to be raised. Your answer is Expected in half an Hour or it will be taken in the negative.

To Capt. J. Sawyer.

Whereas a number of the officers appointed by this Board on the 9th day of Jan. last have declined serving agreeable to their appointment,

Resolved, that the following persons be appointed in their Room (viz)

Capts

Daniel Comstock } 1st. Lieuts. 2d. do
John Stark } George Sexton, Thomas Reeves jun.

And that the towns of Pownal and Shaftsbury be requested to nominate for each town one first and one second Lieut. and make returns of such nomination as soon as may be to the Capt. General.

Resolved that this Board do hereby Recommend That the Captn General or. Capt. Hutchings & Lieut Gideon Spencer & the men they have raised into service and such others as he may think proper

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Memorandum &c Dates.

~~Dates~~ March 15th 1781
Saml. Phippen 1st Lieut.
Benj.a Wait Majr. Febry 10th
Beriah Green 1st Lieut. Febry. 10th
Willis Hall 1st Lieut Febry 10th
Abner Lisly Capt. do— do
James Smalley 1st Lieut. do— do
Shubal Cross 2d Lieut. do do
John Benjamin Capt. do do
Nehemiah Lovel Capt. do do
Joshua Church 2d Lieut. do do

Board of War

Windsor April 17th. 1781

The Board of War met Present Joseph Bowker. John Paget, Thos. Murdock, Benjamin Edmonds, Timothy Bedel, Ebenr. Brewster & Ira Allen. Timothy Bedel & Ebenr. Brewster being Elected were sworn to the faithful discharge of their Trust - Joseph Bowker Esqr. was chosen President Protempsmary

2. Resolved, that the several persons hereafter named be and they are hereby appointed to the offices as hereafter Specified*.

Resolved that there be four Companies of Light Infantry Raised in this State East of Connecticut River for the defence of this State. That they consist of Sixty Eight Rank and file Each Company to be Commanded by one Capt. Two Lieuts. and four Sergeants with a drum and fife

* Capt. John Prat of Chesterfield
Lieut. of Keen
Lieut. ohes of Winchester
Capt. Jonathan White Charlestown
Lieut. Edmond Waldo Alstead
Lieut. Jonathan Hall Jr. Walpole
Capt. Daniel Clapp Dresden
Lieut
Lieut
Capt. Samuel Young Haveril
Lieut James Butterfield Westmoreland
Lieut Isaac Patterson Pierpamont

Resolved that Majr. B. Wait be and he is hereby requested to call on the Officers in the two South Companies to be

raised on the East side of Connecticut River to see whether they accept of their appointment or not and if either of them refuse serving That then on that case Majr. Wait consult the principle Gentlemen in that vicinity and make such nominations as may be then necessary & return such nominations with the names & Ranks of all that do accept to some of the members of this Board.

Resolved, that Lieut. Dyre. Lieut. Joseph Andrus of Shaftsbury be appointed Lieut for Colo. Fletcher's Regt. of infantry

adjourned untill Nine o.clock tomorrow.

Wednesday 9 o.clock AM

Resolved, That the Select men in the several towns through which it will be necessary to transport provision for the troops for the defence of the frontiers be requested to call on such Towns to do their work on the Roads agreable to the Laws of this State as soon as may be so as to accommodate the transportation of provision as aforesaid.

Resolved that Majr. B. Wait be and he is hereby directed to call the officers and Soldiers of his detachment into service in such proportion & at such time as he may judge proper & in case Majr. Wait on Confering with the Commissary of Purchase shall judge it necessary that some of the main Roads from the Country to some of the Garrisons to be hereafter specified ought to be mended or cut in some new place That then in such case Majr. Wait call out such numbers and proportion of his detachment to work on the road as he may think proper.

Resolved that the three southerly Companies more or

to be raised on the east side of Connecticut River March as soon as may be into the ~~East side~~ the frontiers on the West side of the Mountains and joine Colo. Fletcher. That the North Company joine Majr. Wait's Detachment.

Resolved. That a Majority of the members of the Board of War that are on the West side of the Mountains be and hereby are Impowered (on conferring with Colo. Fletcher & such other officers as they may think necessary) to determin for the time being the Stationing of the Troops for the defence of the frontiers as also fourts Barracks &c. That a Majority of the Members of this Board that are on the East side of the mountain be & hereby are Impowered (on conferring with Majr. Wait & such other officers they may think necessary) to determine for the time being the stationing of the Troops for the defence of the frontiers as also fourts Barracks &c.

Resolved, That Capt. John Strong Asst. Commiss. of Purchase be directed to purchase four Iron Kettles and fourty Eight of a less size suitable for Camp Equipage and forward the same to the several Garrisons on the East side of the mountain as they may be wanted and Eighty good axes

Resolved, that Mr. Elisha Clark be and he is hereby appointed Commissary of Issues for the West department the Ensuing Campaign.

Resolved, That Moses Johnson be 1 Lieut, Isaac Symond 2 Lieut and Jonas Brice 2 Lieut in Colo. Fletcher's Regiment of Infantry.

Resolved, that the several Brigadier Gents. of in ~~this State~~ be and they are hereby directed to call on the officers Commanding Regts. in his Brigade to make returns to him agreeable to an

act of the Legislature of this State passed at their session in instant April. That the return be in the following form (viz)

(To be here Inserted)

That the several B. Gen.ls compile such Regt. returns into a Brigade & transmit one to the Capt. Genl. & one to the President of this Board and where there shall appear to be any deficiency in accoutrements that B— G— direct that the Laws of this State in such case made and provided be put in Execution without loss of time

In Board of War Arlington Apl. 25th 1781

Whereas the Legislature of this State did at their session in instant April recommend that fifteen hundred men be raised for the defence of this State & Impowering this Board to proportionate and Station said men in such places as the Exigences of the State might Require which cannot be determined at this Time & whereas a Store house & some kind of Barracks are necessary to be built for the use of the Troops for the time being — Therefore Resolved, that this Board do recommend That the Commissary of Purchase with the assistance of the Troops on the Ground build in the cheapest manner a Store house and some Barracks that may answer for the time being in fourt Warren.

Resolved, That Lieut. Jacob Fairman be appointed first Lieut. in the Regiment of infantry Commanded by Coll. S. Fletcher. That in case said Fairman should decline serving. That then Lieut. Harris is appointed in his stead

Resolved, that Mr. Gorsham Buck be appointed Armer for Coll. Fletcher's Regt. of infantry

Resolved, that this Board do hereby recommend to his Excellency Thos. Chittenden Esqr. That he order all the officers and Soldiers in Coll. Fletcher's Regiment of Infantry that are to join Coll. Fletcher Commanded on the West side of the Mountain & the three Companies East of Connecticut that are to march to join Coll. Fletcher. That they march as soon as may be.

Resolved to & do Hereby Recommend to the Lieut. Gent-

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that he give directions to the Troops in this States service.
That their scouts cover the Inhabitants of Skeensborough
Granville &c

[State of Vermont]

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Bennington 23d June 1781

We the subscribers being desired by the Honble Bord of War to Survey the frontiers of the State of Vermont and report to them in our opinion the garisons ought to be built for the best defence of the above said State

Beg leave to report first that the garisons at Pittsford ought to be removed back from the place where it now stands nigh Sutherlands mills on such particular spot as Lt. Fletcher shall direct 2d. That the garison at Castleton ought to be removed West from where it now stands nigh to Blanchards mills that the fort to be built at Sheensborough ought to be built on a small hill where one Wilson lives or Norwest about 5 or 6 hundred yards as Lt. Walbridge shall direct. Taking into Consideration the Convieny of Water. That Each of the above said Forts forts ought to be built to consist of a small picket and a strong Rock house. That the fortification at Castleton as it is most likely will be considered as Head Quarters ought to be much the Largest all which is submitted to your Honrs.

&c. Your very humble servants Roger Enos
Jona. Fletcher
Samuel Herrick
Gideon Armsbury

State of Vermont

In General Assembly June 25th 1781

The within was read and ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to hold a conference with the within named persons respecting removing the Garison at Pittsford &c.

and make report. The members chosen Mr. Annette
Mr. B. Wakefield and Mr. Pott

Attest Ros. Hopkins Clerk

In General Assembly June 26. 1781

The above named committee made a verbal
report whereupon resolved that it be recommended to the
Board of War to order about one hundred men to be stationed
at the new garrison at Pittsford for the support of it

Attest

B. Woodward Clerk. P. T.

Sunderland December 8th. 1781

Dear Sir.

I have to inform you that the Legislature of New-York at their late Session have revived their claim to the West bank of Connecticut River they have Remonstrated against the Resolutions of Congress of the 7th & 20th of August last which virtually invite this State into the Confederacy of the United States in fine their proceedings will most probably for the present Bar Congress from any further proceedings. When this State are left to Vindicate their Rights to Independence against all the machinations of their old adversary. Every measure is taken to divide and subdivide the Citizens of our Western Territory to which this State have pledged their faith to support and which the impartial world will justify this State in. When they consider the former proceedings of the Government of N. Y. against this people & the Resolutions above refered to.

It to be further observed that if this State are left to support themselves against various powers, the more numerous her citizens are the better and other advantages which are very important will arise to this State by holding the Western Territory which is clearly in the power of this State to support yet it may be necessary in order to convince the Government of N. Y. that this State will support her jurisdiction and to surpress some internal divisions to the Westard That a body of the Militia should make a move to the west which would doubtless answer similar

purposes as the Tower into Cumberland County did Should any thing of that kind be necessary it is Expected by the Gov^r. Gen^l. Safford and others who were in Council Last Evening that you will furnish such proportion of your Regt. as may be necessary — There are other Cogent reasons that at this time cannot be inserted in this Letter.

Its Expected by those in Council Erring that you consult your Officers and Soldiers on this subject and make these matters familiar to them

I am Sir with due

Respect your

Humble Servant

Ira Allen

Col^o. Tho^s. Lee